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FROM AMBASSADOR MILLER TO AMBASSADOR L. DEAN BROWN

REF: STATE 097854

1. IN VIEW OF THE ORIENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER TO THIRD WORLD ATTITUDES AND THEIR OPPOSITION TO US POLICY IN VIET-NAM, I BELIEVE THAT A DIRECT APPROACH TO THE GOTT TO ACCEPT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS AND MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. I BELIEVE THAT THE CHANCES FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE BY THE GOTT WOULD BE GREATEST IF THE APPROACH WERE TO COME FROM A NON-ALIGNED ASIAN LEADER OR FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, ALTHOUGH I AM NOT HOPEFUL THAT TRINIDAD WOULD ACCEPT THE REFUGEES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE DIMMER IF IT WERE PRECEDED BY AN UNSUCCESSFUL USG EFFORT.

2. TRINIDAD ITSELF HAS PROBLEMS WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF STRUCTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT AGGRAVATED BY A MODERATELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIGH BIRTHRATE. ITS EFFORTS TO COPE WITH THESE PROBLEMS

AND WITH THE LACK OF OPPORTUNITY IN TRINIDAD FOR CITIZENS
WITH COMMERCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ARE
HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS INTERNAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS. THERE
ARE, MOREOVER, STRONG PRESSURES FOR THE
UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT EVEN MORE IMMIGRANTS FROM TRINIDAD
TO RELIEVE POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT PRESSURES. TO EXPECT
TRINIDAD TO ACCEPT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND THEREBY ADD TO
ITS OWN PROBLEMS WOULD BE UNREALISTIC.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, I HAVE STRONG OBJECTIONS TO
MAKING THE APPROACH OUTLINED IN REFTEL.
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